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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please insert the following paragraph at page 2 of the specification before "Background":

This application is a continuation of and claims priority from U.S. Serial No. 08/719,476, filed September 21, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,306,657, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/474,053, filed June 5, 1995, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/275,849, filed July 15, 1994, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,627,030, which claims priority from prior foreign patent application 2,126,952, filed June 28, 1994 in Canada.

Following the abstract, please insert the attached Sequence Listing with subsequent page numbering thereafter.

Please replace full paragraph at page 19, lines 23-31, with the following paragraph:

In one instance, the vector plasmid pBluescript II SK+ (Stratagene, La Jolla, California) was linearized with the restriction enzyme Bam H1. The following oligonucleotide fragments were then self-annealed and ligated to the linearized vector plasmid:

**Bam H1**

5' GATCC AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA G 3' (SEQ ID NO:1)  
3' G TTT TTT TTT TTT TTT TTT CCTAG 5' (SEQ ID NO:2)  
Bam H1